

# Technology-Enabled Gains at SJW

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### San Jose Water

- Drinking water utility (investorowned)
- Established in 1866, serves approximately one million people in San Jose metro area
- 230,000 customer accounts (90% residential/10% commercial)
- 2,400 miles of pipe + pumping, storage, water treatment infrastructure





## Better Predictions with Technology

- Risk analysis every 3 years to target highest risk pipes for replacement
- In 2022, opportunity arose to consider enhancements in predicting pipeline PoF
- Options:
  - 1. Use in-house AI model from 2019 (Matlab)
  - 2. Build a new in-house AI model (Python)
  - 3. Leverage third party services
    - Selected a final vendor (Voda<sup>®</sup>) to compare performance against in-house AI from 2019









# Comparison







### The Information Pipeline





## Better Planning with Technology





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Leak History ID : C293159 Age Range : Older than 5 Years Service Request Number : C293159 Wam Work Order Number : 1505238 Water Main ID : 119547 Work Order Number : A2-269 Material : Asbestos Cement Diameter : 6 " Pressure Zone Name : Columbine Zone Service Order Date : Aug 4, 2015 Service Order Close Date : Aug 7, 2015 Cause Of Leak : Contact Root





## Better Planning with Technology









#### Acoustic Leak Detection







## **Deployment Locations**

- 13,000 sensors deployed in SJW service area
- Deployment locations based on pipeline probability of failure



#### More Pilots





#### **Operating Parameters EchoShore-DX** Maximum Spacing 1,500-feet Pipe Diameter Up to 12-inches Ρ

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Pipe Material	All materials*
System	Wet or dry barrel
Compatability	hydrants
Battery Life	5-years
Mobility	Allows for lift & shift
Managed Service	Yes
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\* SJW is not monitoring PVC pipe segments



### Workflow Considerations



## Design for Your Users





- SJW has two full-time field employees and one full-time office employee for leak detection
- Partnering consultant has 2 full-time analysts to monitor SJW's system
- Backup equipment
- Vehicle needs



#### **Ongoing Improvements**



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# Thank you!

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